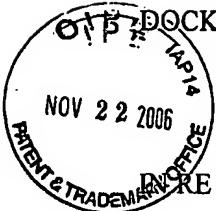


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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006, please amend the above-
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
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